

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1-13. (Withdrawn)

14. (Currently Amended) A half sleeve means to seal terminal ends of two half oversized sleeves (22) positionable on the external circumferential side of pipes (20), the half sleeve comprising of:

a pair of flange body bodies (24) and a pair of terminator body bodies (45) wherein the flange body bodies (24) is are integral to the two half sleeve oversized sleeves (22);

wherein ~~each~~ the flange body (24) includes a semi-circular collar (34) (340 with a plurality of bores (40) ~~thereon~~, a wing (38) with an aperture (40) and a semi-circular lip (42);

wherein ~~each~~ the terminator body (45) includes a semi-circular collar (46) with a plurality of bores (48) ~~thereon~~, a wing (50) with an aperture (53) and a semi-circular recess (54) dimensioned and configured to receive the semi-circular lip (42); and

wherein two semi-circular graphite bodies (56) are introduceable into the semi-circular recess (54); and

wherein the two flange body bodies and the two terminator body bodies are securable together and are the terminator body (45) is thereafter securable to a second against the flange body (24) and a second terminator body of a second half sleeve by the tightening of nuts and bolts introduced between the bores (36, 48) on the flange body and terminator body.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A means to seal the terminal end of two half oversized sleeves as claimed in~~ The half sleeve of claim 14 wherein each of the two oversized sleeves includes on each side a flange body (24) includes a with serrated strip (26).

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A means to seal the terminal ends of two half oversized sleeves as claimed in~~ The half sleeve of claim 14 wherein ~~the terminator body bodies~~ includes a semi-circular lip instead of a semi-circular recess, and the flange ~~body bodies~~ includes a semi-circular recess instead of a semi-circular lip.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) ~~A means to seal the terminal ends of two half oversized sleeves as claimed in~~ The half sleeve of claim 14 wherein at least one circular metallic rings (60, 62, 64) elip is positionable in contact with the two semi-circular graphite bodies to prevent leakage of graphite outside the terminator bodies when subjected to compression pressure.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~A means to seal the terminal end of two half oversized sleeves as claimed in~~ The half sleeve of claim 15 further comprsing ~~wherein~~ a strip of polytetrafluoroethene Teflon (PTFE) is placed between the serrated strips (26) ~~before the flanges are secured by nuts and bolts.~~